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# Students split on co-eds

by John Sparks  
News Editor

The co-education issue is perhaps the most explosive issue at Rose-Hulman. Yet surprisingly, the student body has provided the biggest roadblock to co-education.

The Resident Hall Association recently polled students to see if their attitude had changed. Results were mixed, indicating that a vast difference of opinion still exists within the student body on the question of co-education.

Over 200 randomly distributed questionnaires were returned to the RHA. Only 52 percent of the student body favored co-education at Rose. Almost 40 percent opposed admitting women, while 8 percent were undecided.

The trend seemed to be toward less opposition to co-education in higher academic years. The Junior Class, however, reversed this trend by splitting in half on the co-education question.

Mechanical majors were the

most opposed, while Electricals were largely in favor.

Over 46 percent of the student body felt the quality of education at Rose would suffer if women were admitted. Only 41 percent felt women would improve things academically, while 13 percent offered no opinion.

Again, seniors felt that women would do the most good for the Institute. Freshmen and juniors were less positive of the benefits of women.

Chemical Engineering majors generally sided with the freshmen and juniors, while Electricals again expressed their favor for co-education.

Overall, the students felt co-education would have a positive effect on college life. Over 70 percent felt that co-education is a positive aspect, while only 15 percent thought it a negative effect.

The favorable responses were overwhelming, with only the freshmen showing dissent. Outside of the freshmen, the response was unanimous by

major, also.

Comments were varied. One senior responded, "I feel that if a woman wants to pursue a professional career in engineering in Indiana, (she should) go to Purdue or Notre Dame. Let's not have co-eds at Rose."

Another senior favored co-education, saying, "We need some pleasant distractions to maintain our sanity."

A junior replied, "The all-maleness of Rose is preventing it from progressing and will continue to have an increasingly harmful effect in the years ahead."

However, many students were just undecided on the issue. A freshman said, "Either way, it doesn't matter to me," while a senior replied, "I couldn't care less."

And that is the root of the co-education debate. Until the student body itself demonstrates the desire to go co-ed, Rose will probably remain a single-sex school.



An unidentified bystander gets socked in the face with a pie during Saturday's Parents' Day events. Senior Todd Royer won the raffle, and elected to hit Dr. Moench with a pie. But Moench was not the only one to get a pie in the face, as the above picture shows.

## the Rose Thorn

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## Parking policies stiffen

Rose-Hulman has announced significant changes in its traffic policies, which will make enforcement of regulations simpler. These policies will go into effect Monday, May 5.

To date, many cars have been found on campus without parking stickers. These vehicles can park in visitors' areas with impunity, since they cannot be identified by the maintenance men who write parking tickets.

To overcome this abuse, any car found consistently on campus without a sticker will be towed away at the owner's expense. Stickers are available free in the Student Government Office.

The Safety, Security, and Traffic Commission, which administers campus traffic rules, emphasized that fraternity members must obtain yellow permits, even if they are in their own private lots. The regulations state "all cars used by students must be registered," and since they drive on campus roads, cars owned by fraternity men must display the appropriate sticker.

Some concern has been expressed over how visitors will be able to comply with the new guidelines. The Commission therefore has established a new system of visitors' permits.

Each visitor to a residence hall

or fraternity lot should check in at the switchboard and obtain a permit. The name of the entrant, the student serving as host, plus the make, color, and license of the car will be recorded, and a slip issued which should be displayed in the car.

Only one permit will be required per car for the year, although they may have to be renewed quarterly next year.

Finally, a strong effort is being made to crack down on parking violators. Tickets will be issued for improper parking, parking in illegal areas, failure to display stickers, or for parking in the wrong lot. Compliance has already increased because of stricter enforcement.



Gary Shake adds more load to a truss during the truss-busting competition at the Rose Show. The Civil Engineering Department sponsored the event, which was judged on the failure load divided by the structure weight. Galen Kanarr won the contest, collecting \$25. Warren Oppermann and Tom Carlson finished second and third, respectively.

## Spring Honors announced

by Dwight Dively  
Editor

The annual spring honors convocation was held last Tuesday, and a total of eight students received individual awards. In addition, a large number of students were tapped for membership in the school's honoraries.

The program began with Dr. Jess Lucas, who presented the winners of the "Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities" award with their certificates. The names of the thirty students honored were listed last week in the Thorn.

Robert Gerow, of the D.J. Angus-Sciencetech Foundation, presented awards for the greatest improvement in grade point averages.

Jim Beamon received a certificate and \$100 for the greatest improvement between the fall of the freshman year and the spring, while George Shaffner was honored for the similar improvement during the sophomore year, although he did not appear to receive his award.

William Fanning won the Wall Street Journal Student Achievement Award in economics, as presented by Dr. Tom Mason. The award consists of a medal, the winner's name on a permanent plaque, plus a year's subscription to the Journal.

Dr. Conrad Shiba presented two awards on behalf of the Chemistry Department: the W.A. Noyes Memorial Award and the American Institute of Chemists Award. Both went to Gary Meier, who will begin

graduate work at Cornell in the fall.

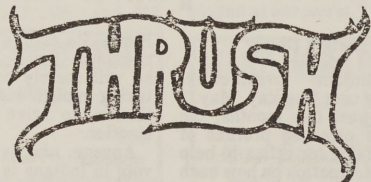
The physics department gave its C.L. Mason Award for sophomore achievement to John Bouvier and Dan Kazmierzak, neither of whom were present.

Wyman Williams was named the outstanding senior electrical engineering major, and received a plaque and \$50. The IEEE

award was won by senior Don Jones.

In addition, the SGA presented 35 students with Honor Keys, or about twice as many as before the new system was adopted.

Blue Key, Omega Chi Epsilon, Pi Mu Epsilon, Pi Tau Sigma, and Tau Beta Pi all accepted new members during the convocation, also.



ROCK 'N' ROLL FOREVER

## Concert features Thrush

The SAB is once again sponsoring a free outdoor concert for students. This Sunday, "Thrush" will appear in the fieldhouse parking lot at 2:00 p.m.

"Thrush" is a rock group out of Cincinnati. Their appearance this spring follows up the appearance of "Roadmaster" last spring.

Ground rules for the outdoor concert will be a little different than in the past. Off-duty policemen will be present at the concert.

Therefore, it will be wise to refrain from the consumption of alcoholic beverages or the partaking of leafy substances. The SAB reminds students that school policy forbids the forementioned substances at any Institute-sponsored concert.

The SAB has also been notified that the Institute will not condone behavior such as that at the "Roadmaster" concert. Therefore, if these rules are not followed, "Thrush" may be the last outdoor concert at Rose-Hulman.

## Godspell wins raves

by Jeff Koechling  
Columnist

"Godspell" is a good example of an ensemble show, one where the whole is much greater than the sum of the parts. Diana Harbaugh and Kathy Elliot have done an excellent job of fitting their cast together so that as a group they achieve more than they could as individuals.

As the show begins, it seems as if everything is backwards; the ushers, light crew, and musicians are wearing the costumes, while the cast runs on it street clothes.

Soon, however, a suitcase has been opened, and yields a variety of flower-child type costumes and clown make-up. Things are underway.

In his role as Jesus, Joe Gaines cannot help but be a focal point of the show. In the first act he moves and speaks with an easy grace that fits the character well.

In the second act he builds to a phenomenal intensity as he sings "Alas for You," and he maintains the same level through his crucifixion.

However, some of the soloists seem reluctant to sing loudly enough to fill the auditorium (Steve Schnell is the noteworthy exception). When the cast sings as a chorus, though, the room is filled with sound and energy.

Colleen Coleman's choreography is very nice; unpredictable without being ostentatious. For the most

part the dances are planned to fill the stage without crowding it, and there is always more going on than you can see at once.

Barry Epler and Gene Jones designed the set to be high enough for everyone to see, and thrust it into the auditorium so that the audience can be seated on three sides.

However, this arrangement did leave the lighting designers with some difficulties. Dan Robison and Troy Vahinvi added two follow spots to the auditorium's usual complement of lights, and overcame most of the problems nicely.

The three musicians produce a very full sound. Rich Morris is very energetic, although his piano seems to be muffled a bit more than is necessary.

Dave Hollinden's bass parts are subtle or exciting, as required by the song. Rich Kirchner sometimes gets carried away, but in general his drumming fills out the sound very well.

On the whole, the cast, crew, and production staff of "Godspell" have put an incredible amount of time and effort into the play, and it shows. They have taken a strong script and very limited facilities and created an impressive production.

"Godspell" will be presented again tonight and tomorrow.



# Editorial Thorn

## Take me to your leader!

by Dwight Dively  
Editor

The most important and most obscure group of individuals involved in the governance of Rose-Hulman is the Board of Managers. Many students don't even know this group exists, and many more have little conception of what the Board does. The Board is, however, the group ultimately responsible for what Rose-Hulman is and where it is headed.

The administration of a college — even a small one such as Rose — is a complex arrangement. The head of the Institute is the President, who has the final say in day-to-day matters, and who is in charge of supervising admissions, development, student affairs, the curriculum, and the other departments and functions involved with education at Rose. Yet the President is hardly all-powerful: he is answerable to the Board of Managers, and cannot make significant changes in policy or planning without the Board's consent. Additionally, the faculty has certain powers in matters such as graduation, academic freedom, and discipline which have been granted by the Board, so the President cannot control these matters, either. Ultimately, power rests not with the faculty, the deans, or the President, but with the Board of Managers.

The Board consists of approximately 30 men and women from throughout the United States, although a large number are either from Terre Haute or Indianapolis. They have final control over budgets, charges for tuition and room and board, management of the school's endowment, school policies, and planning. They meet three times a year: at Homecoming, during the winter (this meeting was held at Disney World this year to ensure greater attendance), and around spring finals. They receive reports from various school officers, and the faculty and students are allowed to express their views through a representative from each group. The faculty elects a professor as their participant, while the SGA President represents the student body.

The purpose of this information is to provide the background needed to understand two problems which seem to be growing between the Board and the school. First, and most fundamental, it seems that there is minimal communication between the inhabitants of Rose and their landlords; in other words between the faculty, staff, and students and the Board members. (his problem is highlighted by the students' lack of knowledge even of the existence of the Board and its purposes.

More crucially, the communication channels which are available are too narrow; one man can hardly discuss all the concerns of the students, especially as he is allotted only a small amount of time. A similar analysis applies to the faculty. The answer clearly seems to be visits by the Board to Rose, with time available for discussion and questions. The "Board member in residence" program, which began this fall, was to have done just this, but interest among Board members seemed to be minimal and participation was even less.

This lack of communication leads directly into the second problem, which is the vast potential for lack of understanding. Despite some appearances, Rose does change, and with a Board cut off from the school, it becomes more and more likely that actions will be taken which might have been appropriate ten years ago, but would be totally inappropriate today. A prime example of this involves faculty salaries; wages could be kept low a few years ago because of a glut of engineers, while today salaries must be relatively high if the school is to keep its top faculty members. It is vital that the Board understand concerns of this type before serious problems arise.

As a final point, it should be noted that many of the Board members make a strong effort to be informed, and these individuals are to be commended. It hardly seems to be too much to ask of the others to spend a day or two on campus periodically; after all, it's really part of their job. Perhaps it is time for these Board members to wake up and smell the Roses — as they really are.

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## Elections 1980

# Indiana primary is Tuesday

by Dwight Dively  
Editor

The Indiana presidential primary is next Tuesday, May 6. Over the past two months, the Thorn has provided profiles of the candidates for office to help provide information on how each man stands on the issues.

On the Democratic side, incumbent Jimmy Carter will face Ted Kennedy. The Massachusetts senator has won the last two contests: the Pennsylvania primary and the Michigan caucuses, but in each case won only a single delegate more than Carter. Thus, the President still has a large lead.

Republican front-runner Ronald Reagan will be challenged by George Bush, who won the "beauty contest" voting in Pennsylvania, even though Reagan took most of the delegates. Most analysts agree Reagan has the nomination all but locked up.

John Anderson has decided to drop his challenge for the Republican nomination, and is instead gearing up for an independent run for the White

House. He claims he will end his campaign, however, if it appears he will merely be a "spoiler": taking enough votes away from Carter to give Reagan the election.

Anyone who is registered to vote in Indiana is encouraged to

turn out next Tuesday. Under Indiana law, a voter can take a Democratic ballot or a Republican one, but not both. Thus, one cannot vote in the Republican presidential primary and also the Democratic gubernatorial race, for example.

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### A WEEKLY CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday, May 2	Elections for Class Officers
Friday, May 2	Drama Club presents, "Godspell," Auditorium, 8:00 P.M.
Saturday, May 3	Golf, Intrasquad Match, Hulman Links
Saturday, May 3	Rifle, Picnic and High Power Shooting Clinic
Saturday, May 3	Track, DePauw Invitational, DePauw University
Saturday, May 3	Drama Club presents, "Godspell," Auditorium, 8:00 P.M.
Sunday, May 4	Baseball, Rose vs. Marian, Marian College, 1:00 P.M.
Monday, May 5	Registration for Fall Quarter, Fieldhouse, 3:25 P.M.
Monday, May 5	ACS Banquet, Adams', 6:00 P.M.
Wednesday, May 7	Pi Tau Sigma Banquet, Bierstube, 7:30 P.M.
Thurs.-Sat., May 8-10	Baseball, Golf, Track, Tennis, C.A.C. Spring Sports Festival, Centre College, Danville, Kentucky
Saturday, May 10	RHA, All Nite Comedy Movies
Sunday, May 11	Mother's Day
Sunday, May 11	St. Mary-of-the-Woods Commencement
Tuesday, May 13	Blue Key Banquet, Louise's, 7:00 P.M.
Saturday, May 17	Grades due for graduating seniors
Sunday, May 18	Midnight Breakfast
Monday, May 19	Final exams begin, 8:00 A.M.

## News analysis

# Oil company profits

by Dwight Dively  
Editor

This past week, the major American oil companies announced their profit figures for the first quarter of 1980. On the average, these profits were up about 125% from the same period in 1979, which had also been a good quarter.

Thus, it seems clear that the recent hikes in fuel prices have benefited the oil firms significantly. Every major firm had record profits in 1979, and analysts expect large profit increases to continue at least through the remainder of this year.

The meaning of the profit hikes is clouded by a smokescreen of conflicting statements by company officials, environmentalists and consumer advocates, and the government.

The oil companies claim that their profits historically have been lower than those of other manufacturing firms. This statement was true until recently; now oil profits are somewhat higher than the national average. Still, over a ten-year period, average profit figures are roughly comparable.

Simultaneously, the firms insist that high returns are necessary to fund exploration. In

addition, new technologies, such as oil shale or tertiary recovery, require large amounts of capital investment.

On the other hand, consumer groups claim that the oil firms have been "gouging" American consumers. They point out that much of the profit increases have come from domestic oil, whose price has now been decontrolled.

When price restrictions were lifted, the companies could sell domestic oil for far higher prices, and yet did nothing additional to earn the money. Thus, many see this as price gouging.

The government has agreed with this accusation to some extent. Several firms, most notably Mobil Oil, have been accused of over-charging consumers, and have been pressured into small price rollbacks.

Federal officials have also been critical of the industry for investing in non-energy producing businesses.

The effect of all these actions on the consumer is the only thing which is clear about the entire matter: higher prices are inevitable.



## Delegate count

Democrats	Republicans
Carter ..... 1109	Reagan ..... 631
Kennedy ..... 639	Bush ..... 152
Needed ..... 1666	Needed ..... 998

Totals include only active candidates as of 4/28.





The five teams entered in the cart race are captured at the start near the main entrance. From left to right are the teams of Lambda Chi Alpha, Phi Gamma Delta, Alpha Tau Omega, Sigma Nu, and Triangle. (Pete Soller photo).

## Greek Games marred again

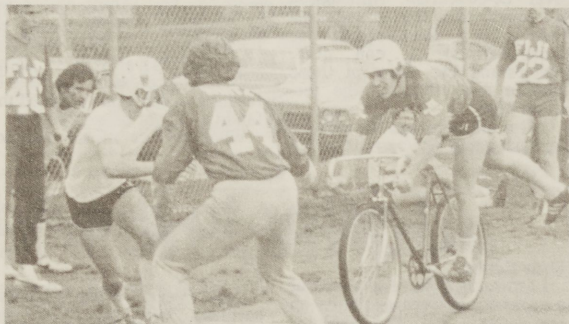
by Paul Curtin  
Sports Editor

When the puddles dried after the bike race concluding Greek Weekend, the results were as predicted: Lambda Chi Alpha had both won and lost again.

As expected, the men in green were the overall champions after winning the cart race, canoe race, and tug-of-war. And as usual, many members of the other fraternities, though certainly not all, left the track at Woodrow Wilson with some hard feelings towards these same Lambda Chis. The Lambda Chis also had reason to harbor hard feelings at the conclusion of the bike race.

Each year the IFC has attempted to make the Games less controversial with rules changes, but inevitably disputes arise due to the intense nature with which the fraternities compete.

This year was no different, as at least five runners were hit with carts, one pyramid was called a tie and a collision on the



A quick change-over is essential during the bike race. Here, Mike Briske and Steve Wirtz get set as Tom Carlson controls the bike. (Soller photo).

last lap of the bike race prevented a Sigma Nu victory and nearly precipitated an all-out war between them and the Lambda Chis.

The conclusion that should be drawn from all this is that Greek Weekend has gotten out of hand. An event intended to build

interfraternity relations serves only to sever them. Team members shouldn't have to practice for six weeks as if they were participating in a varsity sport. In the future the IFC should reduce the games to a level where "they can be fun again."

## Golfers place ninth in Ohio

by Paul Curtin  
Sports Editor

The Rose golf team played in the tough Wittenberg Invitational over the weekend in Springfield, Ohio, and came away with a ninth place finish of fourteen teams.

The tournament was conducted over two days on three different courses. Coach Glenn Baca termed the invitational "first class all the way. That's the way we'd like to run our tournament at Hulman Links."

The best 54-hole score for Rose

was carded by Gary Shake with a 244, whom Baca describes as "coming along well." Ron Knecht was right behind him with a 246, followed by Burke Geene with a 249, Terry LaGrange at 251, Chris Lindhjem at 255, and Bob Kaminsky at 257.

Freshman Geene had the lowest Engineer round of the meet with a 75. Knecht was commended by Baca after turning in an 80 on the most difficult course.

The team scores for each round were 417, 401, and 420.

Baca felt that the team was cold after the long drive and did not play very well in their first round on an easy course. On the other hand he was very pleased with the 420 total on the most difficult course.

All in all, Baca was "very happy with the team. Things are looking better. We missed our No. 2 man, Tom Chorba. It was the type of tournament where we could have finished first if we played at our best, or last if we played at our worst."



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## IM Sports Round-Up

by Randy Braker

The Apartments and LCA tied for the championship of the Intramural Track Meet. The two teams dominated the meet, both tallying thirty-two points out of the total one-hundred and ten.

The Apartments grabbed first place in four of the ten events while LCA finished tops in three. David Jobe won the long jump for the Apartments with a leap of nineteen feet and six inches.

Jeff Wolfe topped the mile run for the Apartments with a time of five minutes, two and one-half seconds. Mark Renholzberger took the 330 yard run in thirty-seven and three-tenths seconds to give the Apartments their third first.

The fourth first place finish for the Apartments came in the medley relay. The team of David Jobe, Dwight Osha, Greg Holthaus, and Mark Renholzberger won with a time of 2:43.8.

Dave Marcadis won the 100 yard dash for LCA with a time of 11.3 seconds. Also for LCA, Jim Huston got the 120 yard low hurdles in 16 flat and Burdsall took the shotput with a distance of 53 feet, 4 and 3/4 inches.

The Apartments also pulled down three second place, one third place, and one fourth place finish. LCA got three seconds, three thirds, and two fourths.

Other first place winners were Jones for BSB in the high jump with a height of five feet, six inches, Gunn for Sigma Nu in the steeple chase at 2:19.1, and Wilson, representing Fiji, in the 660 yard run with a time of 1:31.0.

Overall, BSB and Sigma Nu tied for third with fifteen points each. Fiji finished fifth with nine, ATO followed with four, and Independents-Off Campus picked up two. Speed rounded out the scoring with one point.

### TRACK MEET RESULTS

#### Shotput

Burdsall LCA  
Dunlap ATO

#### High Jump

Jones BSB  
Hart Apts

#### 330 Yard Run

Renholzberger Apts  
Marchadis LCA

#### Medley Relay

Apartments  
LCA

#### 660 Yard Run

Wilson Fiji  
Primate LCA

#### Long Jump

Jobe Apts  
Darth Apts

#### Steeple Chase

Gunn SN  
Wilson Fiji

#### Mile Run

Wolfe Apts  
Gunn SN

#### 120 Yard Low Hurdles

Huston LCA  
Jones BSB

#### 100 Yard Dash

Marchadis LCA  
Jobe Apts

## Baseballers drop 2 of 3; Hill and Bell lead attack

by Paul Curtin  
Sports Editor

The Rose baseball team was defeated in two of three baseball games last week as their season record dropped to 10-10, the result of shaky pitching and solid hitting.

Last Wednesday the Engineers took on Wabash at Crawfordsville and suffered a last-inning loss, 7-6. Rose scored a run in the top of the seventh to take a 6-5 lead only to see the Little Giants score two in the bottom of the inning on a bases-loaded single.

Keith Oehlman pitched scoreless ball for Rose until the sixth, when he needed relief help from Vince Foushee as Wabash scored five times to tie the

score. Al Bell had three RBIs for the Engineers, and freshman Steve Nowak slugged a two-run homer.

Rose played a doubleheader with Franklin before a sun-drenched Parent's Day crowd and came away with only a split after winning the first game 10-3.

The Engineers capitalized on seven Franklin errors in addition to nine hits to win the opener going away. Steve Hill turned in another strong performance, allowing just four hits and two earned runs to push his record to 5-1.

Al Bell had a three for three day with two RBIs, and rightfielder Tony Radecki had two hits and two runs scored for the Engineers. Stan Woszczynski started on the mound in the nightcap, but couldn't get untracked as Franklin jumped on him for six hits and four runs in the opening frame.

Rose got two of those back in their half of the inning when an error allowed Gehring and Schramm to score. Byram came around on another error in the fifth to make it 4-3, but a wild pitch allowed the eventual winning run to score in the top of the seventh.

Hill singled in one run in the bottom of the inning, but Schramm's hard liner was caught for the final out to send Rose to defeat.

Bell again led the Rose attack with two of their six hits. Woszczynski took the loss, giving up nine hits, four earned runs, while uncorking four wild pitches.

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# Notes from Kanadu

by Jeff Koechling

Sorry to have been so long about writing another one of these: but I'm taking about six hours of "Spring" this quarter, and it has put me way behind in everything else. This is the last column that I'll do, and since no one else is likely to want to do any of them, the three or four of you who read this are probably witnessing the end of... well, something.

This weekend the Rose Drama Club will present their final two performances of "Godspell," a musical based on the Gospel according to St. Matthew. The show is impressive, and an excellent bargain for only \$1.50. Shows are at 8:00 p.m. on Friday and Saturday.

The St. Mary-of-the-Woods College Artist-Lecture Series concludes this weekend with "Thieves Carnival," a comedy by Frenchman Jean

Anovill. The play is directed by SMWC senior Jean T. Faulkner, and the cast includes five Rose-Hulman students. The show begins at 8:00 on Friday and Saturday in the Experimental Theatre (Foley Hall). Cost is \$2.00.

The Community Theatre of Terre Haute will finish the season with "My Daughter, Your Son," a comedy by Phoebe and Harry Ephron. The plot involves the wedding plans of a young couple. Her parents, a Far Western actress and a TV writer, meet with his, conservative Midwesterners, to get everything arranged. The show will run this weekend and next weekend, with 8:00 p.m. curtain times on Friday and Saturday, and a 2:30 p.m. Sunday matinee this weekend only. Student tickets are only \$1.50.

It's been real.

## Movie review

### "All That Jazz" praised

Good movies are those that open a channel of intellect or emotion that remains hidden within and seldom used. "All That Jazz" projects a collage of emotions, and the umbrella of characters and events was found worthy of four Academy Awards by myself and nearly everyone in the theater.

The movie has several sub-plots under the main story line, which was the production of a new Broadway show. The major sub-plot dealt with the director of the show, played superbly by Roy Scheider.

Scheider plays a man who is totally dedicated to the play and those in the play, so much so that he suffers a long anticipated heart attack near the end of rehearsals.

The movie carefully documents his morning routines, perhaps once too often, as a shower, Dexedrine, and a look into the mirror followed by the words, "show time." We see his health deteriorate until he finally enters the hospital, where he begins to dream about his life.

It is then that events surrounding his former wife (the new play's star), his mistress (a dancer in the play) and his daughter are all sewn together. He finally then realizes how much his life and work meant to him, and how much he needed them.

He realizes how brutally unfair he had been toward his former wife and his new acquaintance, and how he needs his daughter. The movie ends as a heart attack kills him, and the zipper is being pulled up, sealing his plastic body bag.

From the try-outs through production and the director's death, there are numerous "big production" numbers performed by some obviously very talented people.

If you hate musicals, and don't like stories with a lot of tear-jerking emotion, you still might find something that suits your tastes in this movie, for it is a mixing-pot of ideas and approaches to drama, comedy, and life.

## Mid-terms for a President

by Jeff Koechling  
Columnist

For well nigh unto four years now, those of us who are seniors have been sweating various amounts of blood, and we have of course received periodic evaluations of our work. There is another man who has been here for about the same length of time, President Sam Hulbert.

There is perhaps some value in an informal evaluation of the work that President Hulbert has done in his time here. Be sure that I have no particular bone to pick with the administration, only a desire to provide a little feedback.

Let's begin with the best news. During the Winter Quarter, I had the good fortune to take a class from Dr. Hulbert. As far as teaching goes, I do not feel that there is any finer professor at Rose-Hulman.

Despite the great demands upon his time, Dr. Hulbert missed only two or three class periods and invariably had quizzes graded by the following day. In addition, the extent of his knowledge in his subject (biomechanics) is a model that any teacher would do well to emulate.

Going back to that very first year, remember the holabaloo over co-education. Although I personally feel that going co-ed would be a positive step for Rose-Hulman, I can quite understand the claim of those alumni and students who feel otherwise.

After all, here was the new kid in town going like a great ball of

fire, trying to change the way things had always been. Perhaps a more subtle approach would have led to more promising results.

Then there's the "Master Plan." I don't know how the rest of the Rose-Hulman community feels about the "Master Plan," but the student reaction has been one of overwhelming apathy, mixed with a distinct coolness. Perhaps this is because such a long-range plan far transcends the time that any one student is here. (For example, the plan was, I believe, finalized nearly eighteen months ago, yet not one shovel of dirt has been dug, and we have only the vaguest assurances that fund-raising is progressing).

In addition, that the structure of the plan is such that the projects which will benefit the student body as a whole (e.g. classrooms, laboratories, and offices) must take precedence over the projects which would have the most meaning to students as individuals (such as new athletic facilities, a performing arts center, or a chapel).

On the whole, although a "Master Plan," or its equivalent, is a necessity, the way that it has been presented leaves something to be desired.

One curious point is the status of Biomedical Engineering at Rose-Hulman. Since Dr. Hulbert's arrival at Rose, some half dozen professors qualified to teach in the area have joined the faculty.

What puzzles me is the fact

that almost no classes are being taught in this area. Only two or three appear on the schedule each year, and half of those are cancelled before they are taught. I do recall attending one curriculum committee meeting where a proposal to introduce a new prefix (i.e. BM) for biomedical classes was soundly defeated.

Perhaps Dr. Hulbert attempted to begin a Biomedical program and was thwarted in his efforts. If so, this program joins coeducation and the "Master Plan" as good ideas that were not properly marketed to the Rose-Hulman community.

At the beginning of his tenure, Dr. Hulbert revised the Commission on Visual and Performing Arts, which has resulted during the last two years in the Fine Arts Series. The series continues to grow in quality and popularity, and is a definite asset to the school.

Dr. Hulbert also formed the Student Advisory Commission to the President, which provides a formal route for students to indicate their feelings to him. In addition, I have found that his door is always open to students wishing to present their views to him directly.

In conclusion, I would like to say that I think Sam Hulbert has been good for Rose-Hulman. During the next four years I hope he maintains his infectious enthusiasm, while becoming more successful at implementing his ideas for the school.

## Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I am sorry to have to point out a gross act of irresponsibility on the part of the school administration. During the recent burning of weeds around the school lake, not only was the shoreline blackened, but a nest containing 10-12 duck eggs was destroyed.

This act may not have been so tragic except that the school knew in advance of the location of the nest and that the burnings should not have taken place at

all.

Last year, when similar burnings took place, I was informed that it was to clear the sides so that more attractive foliage could be planted. No such plantings occurred and the necessity for the burning this year was brought about.

I feel that it is a sorry reflection upon the administration to be so careless with the potential lives of some of the ducks now so rare to this

campus and to justify their actions by making false promises.

To prevent further inconvenience of the burnings, I would like to plea for the immediate planting of suitable attractive grasses or plants on the side of the lake. It hurts to know that the school had to lie to justify past actions; but I trust it will not be repeated in the future.

Jonathan M. Diller

## Rifle Club schedules clinic

by Gary Meier  
Staff Writer

Looking for something different to do this weekend? The Rose Rifle Club is holding its second annual Spring Picnic and High-Power Rifle and Pistol Clinic at the Riley Conservation Club, 7 miles South of Rose.

The clinic begins at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 3. Maps showing the way to the Riley club will be posted in the main building, and a car pool will leave from the front of Moench Hall at 2:30.

The picnic will follow the shoot at approximately 5:30. It will also be held at the Riley Conservation Club.

The Rifle Club, in conjunction with the Rifle Teams, will provide an assortment of center-fire rifles and pistols for shooters to use.

Some of the calibers available include the .357 and .44 magnums, .380 automatic, 30-06, and .243. A variety of blackpowder guns will also be

available.

Ammunition will be sold by the club for approximately 60% of its retail price. In addition, all club members will be given the opportunity to test-fire all of the weapons free of charge.

The clinic is open to all students and faculty members. A special invitation is extended to people with little or no shooting experience. Members of the Varsity Rifle Team will be on hand to provide coaching and teach safe gun handling techniques.

The picnic is free of charge to all club members. Non-members who wish to stay for the picnic can do so for the bargain price of only \$2.00.



Dr. Herman Moench was honored during last Saturday's Parent's Day Activities with an evening of German food and entertainment known as the Moenchfest. Here, Moench displays one of the gifts he received: a montage of awards and scenes of Rose. (Steve Shuman photo).

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